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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For:
POLISHING PAD SURFACE CONDITION EVALUATION
METHOD AND AN APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF
PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Enclosed are:



12 Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-035616
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Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
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Specification: Abstract ☒, Description 17 pages; and 25 claim(s).



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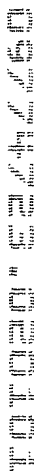


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